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Gilbane recognized by AGC Mass. for Winthrop Middle/High School

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Shown (from left) are: Jason Huddock, Wayne J. Griffin Electric; Mike Duffy, Wayne J. Griffin Electric; David Dockendorf, town of Winthrop; Tina Stanislaski, HMFH Architects; Dick Lawton, town of Winthrop; Joanna Kripp, Gilbane; Dave Girard, town of Winthrop; Tripp McElroy, Gilbane; and Chuck Adams, Skanska.

Winthrop, MA Gilbane Building Company was honored by the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Massachusetts at its annual Build New England Awards honoring excellence in construction through collaboration.

Gilbane served as construction manager for the new 187,917 s/f Winthrop Middle/High School, a culmination of the community's vision for a combined school that maintains separate identities. The success of the project was a direct result of a collaborative effort with Winthrop Public Schools, Gilbane Building Co., the owner's project manager Skanska USA Building, and architect HMFH Architects.

The scope of the project included first abating and demolishing the existing Winthrop High School to allow for the construction of a new middle/high school on the same site. Serving 970 students in grades 6-12, the interior of the building was designed to focus on interdisciplinary team teaching. The building contains two separate zones for the middle and high schools joined by shared core facilities including the 12,000 s/f gymnasium, library, kitchen, and 580-seat auditorium. Select classrooms in both wings have exterior overhead bi-fold doors offering access to outside project areas, classroom and exercise spaces. Specialty spaces include a 100-seat black box theater, vocational fabrication and carpentry space for the unique "Viking long ship" historically-accurate ship-building program (Vikings are the school mascot), culinary arts café, science labs, and a community pre-school program learning lab.

"The collaborative atmosphere that the team fostered and encouraged served to enhance the project from all directions both aesthetically and financially. From start to finish, the project was an

extremely satisfying and enjoyable experience,” said John Macero, former superintendent of Winthrop Public School District and current superintendent Stoneham School District.

Build New England is an awards program designed to recognize exceptional teams that build projects in New England. It was established in 1981 by the AGC of Massachusetts in order to bring public awareness to the positive contributions of the Building Industry. This awards program was one of the first nationally to recognize the entire project team, the owner, the designer, the constructor and key subcontractors for their collective achievements and collaborative efforts.

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